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MUNICIPAL STATISTICS 1957-58

The Deputy Commonwealth Statistician and Government Statist (Mr. V.H. Arnold) has made available statistics of Victorian municipalities for the year ended 30th September, 1958.

The whole of the State of Victoria, with the exception of unincorporated areas accounting for 135,252 acres and a population of 5,250, is under the control of municipal councils which exercise powers and functions granted to them by statute, principally the Local Government Act. The powers of councils include the levying of rates and the borrowing of moneys to enable them to carry out their functions. Chief amongst these are the provision and maintenance of roads and footpaths, provision of street lighting, health, sanitary and garbage services, and recreational facilities. In addition, certain councils have established business undertakings which, in Victoria, are mainly concerned with the retailing of electrical power to residents, factories, etc.

The following table summarizes the principal aspects of the activities of municipal authorities for the year 1957-58 :-

TABLE I - MUNICIPAL SUMMARY

Particulars -		City of Melbourne	Other Metropolitan Municipalities (a)	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area	Total Victoria
Municipalities	No.	1	41	163	205
Area	Acres	7,765	603,127	55,499,616	56,110,508
Population (Est. 30/6/1958)	No.	89,800	1,651,660	994,687	2,736,147
Dwellings (Occupied and Unoccupied) (Est. 30/6/1958)	No.	22,838	476,781	277,585	777,204
Properties Rated	No.	35,778	613,967	438,433	1,088,178
Roads and Streets :-					
Paved	Miles	185	4,676	38,162	43,023
Other	Miles	-	1,919	51,727	53,646
Total	Miles	185	6,595	89,889	96,669
Capital Improved Value ..	£'000	208,443	1,193,886	918,812	2,321,141
Receipts : All Funds ..	£'000	9,783	24,899	15,644	50,326
Expenditure : All Funds ..	£'000	9,284	24,270	15,323	48,877
Loan Indebtedness	£'000	11,838	12,442	9,818	34,098

(a) See note on Page 5.

In the following table details are given of revenue (other than loan receipts) raised for the purpose of providing ordinary services :-

TABLE II - ORDINARY SERVICES : REVENUE, 1957-58
(EXCLUDING LOAN RECEIPTS)
(£)

Particulars -	City of Melbourne	Other Metropolitan Municipalities (a)	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area	Total Victoria
Taxation ..	1,506,012	9,472,115	7,911,617	18,889,744
Public Works and Services -				
Sanitary and Garbage Services	26,761	706,312	558,461	1,291,534
Council Properties -				
Parks, Gardens, Baths etc.	68,810	144,697	86,072	299,579
Markets	325,461	116,752	98,818	541,031
Other Council Properties	240,237	469,057	1,673,244	2,382,538
Street Construction	55,917	427,176	452,859	935,952
Other	271,920	392,401	107,948	772,269
Government Grants -				
Roads	5,928	24,658	109,361	139,947
Other	27,362	331,899	412,694	771,955
Transfer from Business Undertakings	45,000	233,082	32,996	311,078
Other Revenue	328,448	345,410	416,412	1,090,270
Total	2,901,856	12,663,559	11,860,482	27,425,897

The next table gives details of various items of expenditure (other than loan expenditure) incurred in the provision of ordinary services :-

TABLE III - ORDINARY SERVICES : EXPENDITURE, 1957-58
(EXCLUDING LOAN EXPENDITURE)
(£)

Particulars -	City of Melbourne	Other Metropolitan Municipalities (a)	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area	Total Victoria
General Administration	599,070	1,616,988	1,672,017	3,888,075
Debt Services -				
Interest and Exchange	344,956	385,796	377,018	1,107,770
Redemption	125,563	602,642	638,948	1,367,153
Other	1,229	39,682	331	41,242
Public Works and Services -				
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	311,316	3,948,702	4,572,766	8,832,784
Street Lighting	16,871	368,895	153,289	539,055
Health -				
Sanitary and Garbage Services	178,036	1,331,073	587,283	2,096,392
Other Health	85,633	638,045	360,130	1,083,808
Council Properties -				
Parks, Gardens, Baths etc.	329,683	1,076,410	517,819	1,923,912
Markets	144,381	73,142	56,339	273,862
Other Council Properties	213,234	1,207,823	1,560,783	2,981,840
Other	66,286	169,031	66,815	302,132
Grants -				
Country Roads Board	-	107,085	583,154	690,239
Other	157,430	662,610	207,757	1,027,797
Other Expenditure	294,651	365,614	393,526	1,053,791
Total	2,868,339	12,593,538	11,747,975	27,209,852

(a) See note on Page 5.

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The following table summarizes the receipt of loan funds (ordinary services and business undertakings) by municipalities during the year 1957-58. Redemption loans are excluded from these figures :-

TABLE IV - LOAN FUND : RECEIPTS, 1957-58
(EXCLUDING REDEMPTION LOANS)
(£)

Particulars -	City of Melbourne	Other Metropolitan Municipalities (a)	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area	Total Victoria
Loan Raisings for -				
Ordinary Services	1,151,000	1,763,655	1,919,000	4,833,655
Business Undertakings -				
Water Supply	...	..	64,603	64,603
Electricity and Gas	185,000	194,200	103,000	482,200
Abattoirs	...	...	...	...
Other Receipts (Government Grants, Recoups etc. to Loan Fund)	982,581	133,464	132,643	1,248,688
Total	2,318,581	2,091,319	2,219,246	6,629,146

Details of loan expenditure (on ordinary services and business undertakings) by municipalities are set out in the following table :-

TABLE V - LOAN FUND : EXPENDITURE, 1957-58
(£)

Particulars -	City of Melbourne	Other Metropolitan Municipalities (a)	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area	Total Victoria
Ordinary Services -				
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	250,538	997,798	644,092	1,892,428
Council Properties -				
Parks, Gardens, Baths etc.	43,122	108,514	152,689	304,325
Markets	130,931	91,646	27,660	250,237
Other Council Properties	259,798	356,315	862,456	1,478,569
Other	166,643	50,299	72,283	289,225
Business Undertakings -				
Water Supply	...	4,722	85,651	90,373
Electricity and Gas	1,040,445	384,261	213,817	1,638,523
Abattoirs	29,536	...	37,444	66,980
Total	1,921,013	1,993,555	2,096,092	6,010,660

(a) See note on Page 5.

In the next table details are given of the revenue of the various types of business undertakings operated by municipal councils :-

TABLE VI - BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS : REVENUE, 1957-58

(£)

Particulars -	City of Melbourne	Other Metropolitan Municipalities (a)	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area	Total Victoria
Water Supply and Sewerage - Rates, Sale of Water, etc.	...	74,132	142,547	216,679
Electricity and Gas - Charges for Services and Sales of Products, etc.	4,152,101	7,310,835	626,543	12,089,479
Abattoirs - Charges for Services and Sales of Products, etc.	375,328	118,975	184,846	679,149
Hydraulic Power - Charges for Services and Sales of Products, etc.	35,390	...	...	35,390
Total	4,562,819	7,503,942	953,936	13,020,697

Details of the expenditure of business undertakings operated by municipal councils are shown below :-

TABLE VII - BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS : EXPENDITURE, 1957-58

(£)

Particulars -	City of Melbourne	Other Metropolitan Municipalities (a)	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area	Total Victoria
Water Supply and Sewerage - Working Expenses	...	71,550	95,363	166,913
Depreciation	...	...	12,190	12,190
Debt Charges	...	707	30,419	31,126
Other	...	47	543	590
Electricity and Gas - Working Expenses	3,525,420	6,549,521	511,140	10,586,081
Depreciation	162,570	158,697	16,243	337,510
Debt Charges	108,537	254,319	75,462	438,318
Other	265,029	5,655	7,896	278,580
Abattoirs - Working Expenses	328,873	67,759	143,429	540,061
Depreciation	9,929	6,067	3,742	19,738
Debt Charges	31,052	15,518	20,553	67,123
Other	30,579	10	...	30,589
Hydraulic Power - Working Expenses	24,522	...	...	24,522
Depreciation	7,981	...	...	7,981
Debt Charges	145	...	...	145
Total	4,494,637	7,129,850	916,980	12,541,467

(a) See note on Page 5.

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Table VIII details the receipts and expenditure on the private street account for areas outside that controlled by the Melbourne City Council (which has no such account). Councils may construct streets on privately owned land. The cost of construction, which is financed by bank overdraft and loan raising, is recovered by councils from abutting owners.

TABLE VIII - PRIVATE STREET ACCOUNT : RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1957-58

(£)

Particulars -	Other Metropolitan Municipalities (a)	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area	Total Victoria
Receipts -			
Loans	209,681	129,494	339,175
Bank Overdraft (Increase)	73,274	11,050	84,324
Owners' Contributions	2,280,812	378,908	2,659,720
Other	76,862	90,488	167,350
Total	2,640,629	609,940	3,250,569
Expenditure -			
Works	2,124,704	481,050	2,605,754
Debt Charges -			
Redemption of Loans	126,403	25,691	152,094
Interest on Loans	73,028	12,519	85,547
Interest on Overdraft	80,276	22,451	102,727
Other	148,260	20,808	169,068
Total	2,552,671	562,519	3,115,190
Cash in Hand or Bank at 30.9.1958	503,968	124,166	628,134
Bank Overdraft at 30.9.1958	2,171,506	375,013	2,546,519
Loan Indebtedness at 30.9.1958	1,614,965	307,841	1,922,806

(a) See note below.

NOTE: "Other Metropolitan Municipalities" are as defined for statistical purposes except that in these statistics it is not practicable to dissect those municipalities which are partly inside and partly outside the metropolitan area.

These "split" municipalities have been allocated as follows - Eltham, Fern Tree Gully, Frankston and Hastings, and Lillydale have been included in "Other Metropolitan Municipalities". Bulla, Melton, and Whittlesea have been included in "Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area".

"Other Metropolitan Municipalities" in the tables printed above thus comprise the municipalities of Altona, Box Hill, Brighton, Broadmeadows, Brunswick, Camberwell, Caulfield, Chelsea, Coburg, Collingwood, Dandenong, Doncaster and Templestowe, Eltham, Essendon, Fern Tree Gully, Fitzroy, Footscray, Frankston and Hastings, Hawthorn, Heidelberg, Keilor, Kew, Lillydale, Malvern, Moorabbin, Mordialloc, Mulgrave, Northcote, Nunawading, Oakleigh, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Preston, Richmond, Ringwood, Sandringham, South Melbourne, Springvale and Noble Park, St.Kilda, Sunshine and Williamstown.

Particulars, as summarized in this publication, are available for individual municipalities on application.

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